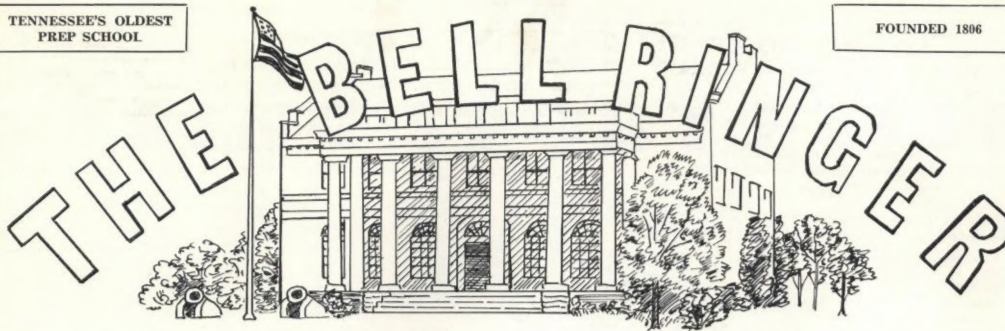


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KEY CLUB CONVENTION

On Thursday, March 22, Key Club members from MBA, along with members from other Nashville clubs, met at West High to leave for the annual Key Club convention. This year the meeting was held in Lexington, Kentucky. Representatives from Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, and a few from Virginia were in attendance.

On Friday morning, the convention registration was held. This was followed by the Kick-Off Luncheon. Chuck Herman, the governor for the past year, presided and welcomed the different clubs. "Prove Brotherhood" was announced as the theme of the convention. In the afternoon, the entire delegation was taken for a tour of some magnificent horse farms. Following supper, the boys were entertained by a talent and speaking contest.

Saturday morning various meetings convened to nominate and elect candidates for governor. These meetings were followed by a luncheon at which time plans were announced for the rest of the meeting. Training was given during the afternoon to the newly elected officers. That night came the final banquet when awards for the talent contests were given. The new governor, Jimmy Gross, was also announced. Following the banquet, the Governor's Ball was held. Every one enjoyed dancing to the good band. After a full week end and many new experiences, the boys returned to their homes.

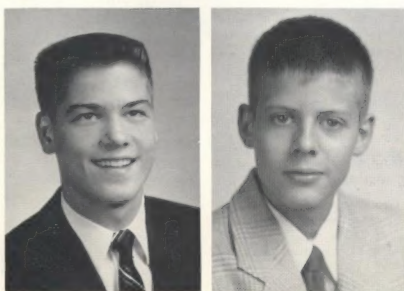
Members of MBA's Key Club who attended the convention were Tommy Frist, Frankie Drowota, Ivan Brown, Dick Sobel, Dick Sullivan, Dick Sager, Jimmy Rule, Jodie Wallace, Brad Reed, George Sloan, Wade Elam, Jeff Edwards, John Brothers, Ed Creagh, Tommy Murphree, and George McGugin.

Miss Thompson Recovering Speedily

We here at M.B.A. are very happy to learn that Miss Loreen Thompson, eighth grade teacher, is recovering satisfactorily from a recent operation.

Ever since Miss Thompson came to M.B.A. thirteen years ago she has been a friend to high school and junior boys alike. Her friendly smile and words of encouragement have brightened the day of many a student. We all will be glad to see her back in school again.

Tony Edmonds



JIM PERRY AND JOHN PROVINCE
WIN TOP SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Based on their grade averages for the first seven semesters at M.B.A., Jim Perry and John Provine have been named Valedictorian and Salutatorian respectively of this year's senior class.

Perry took first honors by ringing up an average of 96.68 while Provine's average was 95.48. Perry spent his full four years at M.B.A. while Provine attended only three, his junior year being spent at Marion Institute in Alabama where his father is President.

Perry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Perry of 1501 Compton Avenue and attended Stokes Elementary school. Since coming to M.B.A., Jim has won many scholastic honors and has been active in various clubs as well as a cheerleader for the school. Provine started to M.B.A. in the seventh grade and during his two years in the Junior school won practically all of the class medals. His high scholastic work was continued in high school. John also took part in various school activities and clubs. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Provine, now of Marion, Alabama but formerly President of Ward-Belmont College.

Perry expects to do his college work at Vanderbilt while Provine expects to go either to Harvard or Yale.

M.B.A. Cops Meet

The forensic team of M.B.A. has once again taken high honors in interscholastic forensic competition. On Saturday, March tenth, the five representatives from our school spoke in the Tennessee Interscholastic Literary League's contest at Clarksville. Held under the direction of Austin Peay State College, the meet included such Middle Tennessee schools as Hillsboro, West, Central, Litton, Antioch, Bellevue, Clarksville, East, Donelson, and Lipscomb. Our boys competed in five different divisions. These included Dramatic Reading (Sam Vail), Poetry Interpretation (Dick Sobel), Declamation (George Sloan), Extemp Speaking (Rollin Lasseter), and Poetry Interpretation (Harry Lawson).

After the first round the group went with Mrs. Campbell to visit Mr. Douglas Norman at his office in the Leaf-Chronicle building. Mr. Norman, former English teacher at M.B.A., is now sports editor for the Clarksville daily newspaper, The Leaf-Chronicle. After a trip through the newspaper plant, the group returned

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New Key Club Officers

Recently the Key Club of MBA elected new officers for next year. The following officers were chosen:

President.....Jody Wallace
Vice-President.....Brad Reed
Secretary.....Wade Elam
Treasurer.....Rollin Lasseter
Senior Director.....John Brothers
Junior Director.....George McGugin

All of these boys, with the exception of Rollin Lasseter, attended the Key Club convention in Lexington, Ky. Brad Reed has been elected Lieutenant-Governor for this district. Congratulations, boys!

Hi-Y Club Publishes a Student Directory

The Hi-Y Club of M.B.A. has rendered a fine service to the school this year by publishing a convenient-size 8-page student directory which contains the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all students and faculty members. This is the second time in four years that the club has published such a book and it

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M.B.A. Boys Take College Board Exams

College Board examinations were held on March 17th at Isaac Litton High School for high school seniors from all over Middle Tennessee who are interested in entering schools which require these tests for entrance. Boys who competed in the examinations were: Ivan Brown, Slayden Diehl, John Provine, Jimmy Rule, Jim Cecil, Sam Vail, Dick Sobel, Tommy Frist and Philip Boyd.

In the morning sessions the scholastic aptitude tests were given while in the afternoon achievement tests were given. The aptitude tests were divided into six half-hour tests while each of the achievement tests were one hour each.

We wish to boys competing the best, not only on the tests but in their college days to follow.

Math Teams To Match Wits At Austin Peay

Twenty-four of M.B.A.'s highest ranking math students will compete against the State's best scholars in a mathematics contest at Austin Peay State College April 20th in a contest sponsored by the Galois Mathematics Club of that school. This sponsored annually by the club in Clarksville but this will be the first trip to the contest for the Maroon representatives. Last year 219 students from 29 schools took part in the affair.

Four contests will be held in Algebra 1, Algebra 2, plane geometry and comprehensive mathematics respectively. The latter contest is for seniors and will cover algebra, plane and solid geometry and trigonometry. The contest will be held in two-hour sessions beginning at 9:30 on Friday, April 20th. M.B.A. will enter two teams of three boys each in the four contests. The freshmen and junior representatives have not yet been picked but the following boys have been named in the sophomore and senior classes: In Algebra 1 Tommy Murphree, Bill Barr, Ira Parker, Walton Williams, Ed Creagh and Alan Purdy. Representing the seniors will be Billy Morehead, John Provine, Jim Perry, Dick Sobel, Slayden Diehl and Jimmy Rule. All boys won the honor by virtue of their grades in math so far this year.

Team trophies and individual medals will be presented the winners and we feel that the M.B.A. representatives will do themselves proud in the contest.

Jodie Wallace

On Friday, April 6th, members of the Hi-Y and Tri Hi-Y clubs from all sections of Tennessee converged on the state Capitol for the third Tennessee Y.M.C.A. Youth Assembly. The members of the Youth Assembly simply assume all the duties of members of the state legislature.

MBA's own Ivan Brown was nominated for governor from District I. Other candidates included Bobby Joe Coleman from Crossville, Bill Bond of Memphis, and Tommy Freeman of Elizabethton. Dick Sobel delivered a brilliant nominating speech for Mr. Brown. After the first ballot the two top vote-getters were voted on again to determine the governor. On the first ballot Ivan and Bobby Joe Coleman received the most votes. On the second ballot Coleman was elected.

Members attending the convention from MBA were as follows:

House of Representatives: Slayden Diehl, Quimby Seawell, Buddy Rackard, Sam Vail, James Wood, Wade Elam, Jimmy Thurman, Jack Oman, Jimmy Rule, Jim Kellam, Russell Hooper.

Senate: Emmett Dozier, Brad Reed, Jodie Wallace, Eddie White.

Dick Sobel served as chaplain of the House of Representatives and did an outstanding job.

Members of the House and Senate discussed and voted on bills in the same manner as do members of the state legislature.

A Youth Legislature banquet was held Saturday night at the First Baptist Church. Awards for the best statesman in the Senate were presented to Lee Slaughter of Memphis and in the House to Terry Davis of Memphis.

The Governor's Ball was held later in the evening in the Y.M.C.A. building. All the delegates had a very enjoyable time.

Sunday morning there was a worship service at the Upper Room Chapel. This service brought the Assembly officially to a close.

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Junior News

As the spring sap rises the Junior energy goes down. Hold up, boys, it is just a few short weeks now. There were picnics over the holidays but Cube and Leo had the best. How about it "Angel Pie"? Harm, Hots, Deac and a few of the men took in a couple of picnics and open house for a busy last night of holidaying.

McDougall, Clements, and Reed spanking the fuzzy ball as tennis season gets under way. Wallace, Herbert, Hoffer, Cole and Campbell also trying to climb up the ladder. Brothers and Murph spark cinder squad in white bucks and blue suede shoes.

Lexington, mangled by Key Clubbers, has brief reconstruction period after convention. Elam and Wallace still talking about Lois and Betty. I thought this was a stag affair.

AN EDITORIAL It Challenges Their Best

There is something precious and different about a good high school newspaper—like many in the Middle Tennessee High School Press Association.

These papers, by and large, challenge the best that is in a student—appealing to honor, ambition, sportsmanship, spirit and belief in life as an opportunity.

Not only do these papers serve as mirrors of their schools—but they also brighten the picture a bit, with touches of the rainbow and yet unachieved goals.

Their editorials appeal to the better selves of students, offering striking examples of ideals that find expression in student behavior and community activities.

We are convinced that high school papers provide our schools with a medium of expression and our students with an opportunity for growth—not found in any other school activity.

(Ben A. Green of *The Nashville Banner*—MTHSPA technical adviser.)

Deacon's Dissertations

We are coming closer to the time when our college applications will be due. What will be put in the blanks labeled activities? Will they still be blank when read by the university admission committees? They don't have to be, you know. A student at MBA could have an impressive list of extracurriculars—if he wanted it. To name a few there are the Hi-Y Club, Forensic Club, Glee Club, Key Club, Senior and Junior Honor Societies, the annual staff, The Bell Ringer staff, football, basketball, track, tennis, scholastic medals, as well as others. Why do some choose to ignore them? The main reason may perhaps be this: "What will I get out of it?"

Anyone at MBA has the opportunity to make a name for himself. He will, in making a name, make himself. We are molded by our activities just as much as vases are molded as turn on the potter's wheel. Here at MBA—now, and not in the future—we become ourselves. Here we establish the pattern. It is my firm belief that everyone has his place in life. It is up to the individual to find his own place. At MBA we also have a place. It is up to the individual to carve that place.

The school offers all the necessary opportunities. They are open to you to take or reject. You and I, we have our places, important to our lives whether they be large or small. Only the individual may make his niche. No one else is responsible. Only you will fill those achievement blanks. It is an accepted opinion that the contrast of black on white is better than pure white as the color scheme for application blanks.

Sophomore News

Track teams mourns as Carpenter refuses to run 440 this year. Plane spotter Jewell Bradley flying. Bradley reported as unidentified object. Morris also flying but unseen. Franklin invaded by MBA. There was a woman's touch in Grant's project. Chug-alug fixes aqueduct to run from cellar to his room. Hamilton finds it doesn't pay to eat in building. Now goes behind the gym. Congratulations to Math brains Murphree, Barr, Parker, W. Williams, Ed Creagh and Purdy who will represent the Soph class in math in competition at Clarksville April 28th. We are expecting you boys to bring home the bacon. Math classes welcome the study of logarithms as relief from the first nine weeks of study in theory of equations. Also congrats to Ed Creagh who represents class on the varsity tennis team and Duke who is making a name for himself in track.

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CLASS NEWS

Junior School News

"Hot Shot" Weesner gets his teeth knocked out and his jawbone broken by friendly horse. He says it didn't faze him a bit.

Killebrew's khakis turn a new shade of black. He spills a bottle of ink on them.

Mrs. Horn disapproves of softball shirts in class.

Junior School 7th's are planning on a trip and a home movie. The excursion to Evan's bank might be postponed unless we get some more cars to haul us. If we go we are sure to get back before gym. Movie is to be furnished by Harwell. They were taken by Harwell while in Europe and have to be shown on a cloudy day. We all are hoping he has some pictures in 3 D of those Italian movie stars. Little Hutch got back from Florida in time for these coming events.

Hale claims he went off twenty foot skiing platform at Cypress Gardens. He looks like it, sho' nuff.

Hutchison also went to Florida. It was a bad day for the man-of-war.

Ned visits 7th. Campbell gets white washing. Not much chalk left in the room.

Freshmen News

Howdy do there. How's every little thing? Boy, it is awful with me? Well we made it again, but with luck. I guess that's just the way the old ball bounces.

FLASH: From the Freshman department. Mrs. Sims sick, all Frosh mourn! Reportedly first time in her career. Actually we were all sorry that she was sick

and glad to have back in commission. (Neither rain, nor sleet, nor hail, nor snow...)

Lunch time brawls become big sport among Freshmen. They like to get in there and mix it up. Ball J. almost becomes a fish as some unknown force tries to make him swim in jolly old creek.

Six weeks tests foul up Frosh, although some pulled out with fair grades, others just pulled. All looking forward to next six weeks.

Projects are sure piling up. The Latin projects were all just swell, ranging from scrolls and posters to swords and aqueducts. The General Science ones are yet to come. Parents protest as white mice and hamsters raid household. Keep cool, parents.

Frosh look forward to spring sports. There're many boys who are going out for the various teams such as baseball, track, and tennis. If they do as well and make as good a showing as they have so far in basketball and football, they ought to do right well.

B. and B., Ball and Babb, try acrobatics off the grandstands. Ball almost breaks neck but Babb made a lucky snag of his opponent's hand and saved Ball. Babb, why did you even try? How does Ball get into all these messes?

Spring fever time is here. If you don't believe it just ask the teachers. Classes become a little rowdy. Some Frosh move to Franklin. Can't understand it, what's Franklin got that Nashville hasn't?

Oh well, got to go and study! See you cool cats next time if we're lucky and the wind's right. Hope the Easter Bunny was good to all of you.

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SPRING SPORTS 1956

Maroon Highlights

Congratulations to Whit Watson on being named on both the 18th District and Region V all-tournament basketball teams.

The MBA-Hi-Y basketball team should be congratulated on winning the city title in its league. The championship game was a thriller. The Hi-Y cagers won in an overtime by only two points as Jim Cecil hit the bucket to beat arch rival Hillsboro. Besides Cecil, this year's team was composed of Frank Drowota, Dick Sullivan, Dick Sobel, Brad Reed, Bob Adkerson, Dick Martin, Bill Lightfoot, Gene Shelton, Sam Vail and Ed Haan. The team went to Louisville to play in the regional tourney. The team was without two of its regular starting five because of College Board exams. They lost in the first round.

Maroon golfers to journey to Chattanooga, Tennessee on April 20 to compete in the annual Rotary Club Southern Prep Golf Tourney.

MBA tennis team will buzz down to Chattanooga on April 10, 11 and 12th to play Baylor and McCallie Prep Schools. From there the netters will journey to Rome, Georgia to play Darlington.

The Bell Ringer sports staff welcomes Mr. C. W. Gerald into the MBA coaching fold. Mr. Gerald will handle the Maroon baseballers.

Mr. Rule completely elated and bubbling over with joy and wild ecstasy as new rubico arrives and work gets under way resurfacing tennis courts.

Mr. Rule panics as P. Williams pipes up in trig class with: "Hey, Mr. Rule! Are those men supposed to drive their truck on the tennis courts?" (Ed. note: That really war'n't no truck on them courts.)

True conditioner, I. Brown took his track togs to the Key Club convention in Lexington, Kentucky, in the hopes of getting to run some. He didn't. Man o'War!

Carpenter elected captain of swimming team. Wonder why?

Who notice it? Coach Tommy Owen wore the same shirt all through the 18th district basketball tournament.

New Gym fund growing constantly. We of sports staff thank all contributors.

Henry Hurt, Co-captain of the MBA State football champs, has signed a scholarship with Victoria College, Victoria, Texas.

Tommy Buford, class of '53 is currently holding down the number one spot on the Southwestern University tennis team. While at MBA Tommy was an outstanding baseball player and could have been outstanding in tennis had he chosen to go out for that sport.

Thought for the day: "What ever happened to 3-D movies?"

MBA's track team wins over Hillsboro and Tennessee Prep 75-41-6. Mack Rolfe hit the high hurdles in 16 seconds flat and the lows in 22 flat for seasonal tops.

Billy Gerald, pitching a no-hit game, leads the Maroons in an easy win over North High 11 to 0.



Tennis Team Wins Opener

The M.B.A. tennis team passed their first test in their quest for their twelfth consecutive NIL tennis crown as they defeated their cross-town rivals, Litton High School, in the season opener on the local courts on April 9th. Sweeping through both singles and doubles without the loss of a single game the Maroon Netters got off to an auspicious start 5-0.

Captain Tommy Frist led the way as he polished off his opponent in short order and Wylie McDougall and Eddie Murrey came right along to ring up convincing victories. In the doubles play Coach Jim Rule gave his singles starters a rest and let his third and fourth teams take the courts. Runcie Clements and Dick Sobel took the number one doubles without the loss of a game and Carl Hoffer and Ed Herbert duplicated their feat just a few minutes later. This season-opener was a warm up to the tough matches to follow as the Maroons invaded Chattanooga and Rome, Georgia for their annual battles with Mid-South toughies McCallie, Baylor, and Darlington. The results of the Litton game were:

Tommy Frist defeated Lester Marcum, 6-0, 6-0

Wylie McDouglass beat Steve Marshall, 6-0, 6-0

Eddie Murrey stopped Bobby Wood, 6-0, 6-0

Runcie Clements and Dick Sobelinski defeated Marcum and Wood, 6-0, 6-0

Carl Hoffer and Ed Herbert defeated Marshall and Jack Woods, 6-0, 6-0

Gerald Leads MBA Over North 11-0

In a cold, drizzling rain, MBA's fireballing Billy Gerald tossed a neat no-hitter to give the Maroons an 11-0 victory over North High at Centennial Park in the opening game of the 1956 NIL baseball league.

Gerald was in complete command of the Yankees all the way as he struck out sixteen and walked only three. He faced only twenty-four North batters during the seven-inning game. The only North man to hit the ball out of the infield was Douglas Hale, who connected for a short fly to left field which resulted in an out.

In addition to his outstanding job on the mound, Gerald joined Whit Watson, Dick Sullivan, Frankie Drowota, and a host of other Maroons who hopped on the Yankees' Murray Anderson for ten hits. Gerald had a single and a double while Watson smacked a homer and a single. Sullivan and Drowota connected for two singles each in the Maroon onslaught.

With the impressive win, the Maroons of MBA gave warning to the Western Division of the NIL Baseball League that they were the team to be reckoned with this spring.

Franklin Edges MBA Tracksters, 65-61

In the opening meet of the 1956 NIL track schedule, Franklin High's thindclads stopped the defending NIL champions from Montgomery Bell Academy in a triangular meet with that team and Bellevue, on the Tennessee Preparatory School track.

The meet went down to the final event but Franklin captured this, the two mile relay, for the deciding points. MBA's Mack Rolfe and Henry Hurt got the Maroons off to a flying start by capturing first and second places respectively in the 120-yard high hurdles, the first event. This lead was short lived, however, as Franklin's superiority in the long distance runs proved to be too much. Rolfe and Courtney Marshall each took two first places to pace the Big Red scoring. Rolfe won the 180 yard low hurdles as well as the 120 yard high, and Marshall captured the discus throw and the broad jump. A heartbreaking moment for MBA fans came when the crack 880 yard relay team was disqualified for an infraction of the baton exchange rules. The team composed of Bill Hunter, Clay Huddleston, David Duke, and Whit Watson had been leading before the infraction. Franklin, consequently, won this event and its lead was augmented even more. With the keen competition from Franklin and East High School, MBA should have a tough time retaining its NIL and Banner Relays Track Championships this year.

Results of MBA, Franklin, Bellvue meet are as follows: 100 yard dash—Inman (F), Thurman (M), Hunter (M): 10.2 440 yard run—Brown (M). Continued on Page 4

Microbe News

As baseball season for the Microbes got under way, T shirts with bright red letters spelling MBA. Microbes were seen all about. These were proudly worn by the team. Some twenty-four boys came out. Luckily, at practice, B team gets support from first string pitcher, Davis. B team gets beat only about 20 to 1 at every practice. First team consist of Jewel, Loftin, and Williams in the outfield. The infield has Neilson at first, Shwab at second, Hardison at shortstop, Pickle at third, Killebrew as hindcatcher and Davis as pitcher.

Microbes looked for their first win over Robertson Academy. Before the game got under way, Neilson let us know that, quote, "We can beat these Hicks." Good guess. Neilson hit a homer to back up his statement. First man up was struck out by Davis. Microbes played a good game all the way through and came out with a 10 to 5 win...

Microbes got ready for the next game which was with Woodmont. Boys hoped for a win this game but somebody forgot to tell Woodmont their wish. So on Wednesday before our holidays, the game got under way. There was no change in the line-up... only a change in the Umps and atmosphere. Things got pretty smoky around home plate as Ump decided it was "Lightup Time." This resulted in poor vision and poor hitting. Good alibi... However, we had no alibi for the twelve errors made in the field. No improvement came and the game ended with a 11 to 2 win for Woodmont... Even the rain came too late to be of any help to us.

Now the team looks forward to a chance to even the score with Palmer for the big upset they gave us during basketball season. We'll have to show them that we can play better baseball than basketball...

Harding Road Barber Shop
"Boys Are Our Specialty"

Spring 1956 promises to be one of MBA's finest in the field of athletics. The spring sport teams at MBA—baseball, tennis, golf, and track—have many returning lettermen. Each team should be a strong contender in its respective league. Here is a comprehensive look at each sport.

BASEBALL:

MBA's baseball team this year is favored to win the Western Division of the Nashville Interscholastic Baseball League. With sluggers Phil Williams and All-City Whit Watson and sharp fielding Dick Sullivan, Frank Drowota, and Dick Martin, the Maroons of Montgomery Bell have real strength. In addition to the boys already named, Coach Charles Gerald will have dozens of eager hopefuls out vying for positions on the team. The 1956 team should be a much better club than the one that finished third in its division last year. Since baseball is an interesting spectator sport, this year's fine team should be well supported by the student body.

TENNIS:

Led by Captain Tom Frist this year's Maroon tennis team is favored to win its twelfth NIL tennis crown in as many years. Coach Jim Rule again has many boys trying to gain a position on the team and the competition to be one of the "first six" should be fierce. Strong contenders for the five remaining "first six" positions include lettermen Brad Reed, Wylie McDouglass, Runcie Clements, Dick Sobel, Ed Creagh, Jimmy Rule, and Jimmy Kellam and newcomers Eddie Murray, Jodie Wallace, and Ed Herbert. On April 11th, 12th, and 13th the Maroon netters will make their annual southern trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Rome, Georgia, to play prep schools Baylor, McCallie, and Darlington. Good luck from the Sports department of "The Bell Ringer" to the tennis team.

GOLF:

The MBA golf team this year is in excellent shape to win its first league championship in recent years. The MBA team this year should be composed of George McGugin, Russell Hooper, Buddy Foxall, and George Creagh, but they will have fierce competition from Harry Lawson, Tommy Barksdale, Jackie Hooper and a host of other hopefuls. The Maroon golfers will journey to Chattanooga, Tennessee, on April 20 to compete in the annual Southern Prep Golf Tournament sponsored by the Rotary Club. Under the direction of Coach Lee Sager, the MBA linksmen should experience one of their finest seasons.

TRACK:

The Maroon track team directed by Head Coach Tommy Owen is looking for its third NIL championship in as many years. Since Coach Owen came to MBA three years ago and organized the track team, the Big Red thindclads have been the power in the

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Personalities of the Month



Billy Morehead

The Bell Ringer is happy and proud to announce Billy Morehead as a Personality of the Month. Billy came to MBA as a freshman from Parmer School. That year he was pledged by the Alpha Chi Fraternity in which he has taken a very active part. Billy is also a member and a regular attendant of St. George's Episcopal Church.

For three years, Morehead has played varsity football and in that time he has proven himself to be a great player. Aside from football, Billy has been varsity basketball manager for two years and has played baseball for the past three years. This year Billy was elected vice-president of the student council. Here on the hill, Billy is truly an outstanding boy.

Favorite subject.....Math
Most hated subject.....All others
Favorite actress.....Terry Moore
Favorite food.....Pizza
Most disliked food.....Shrimp



Dick Sager

The Bell Ringer staff feels that it has chosen wisely in selecting Dick Sager, a very deserving boy, as one of the Personalities of the Month. Dick came to MBA in the seventh grade from Woodmont School and since that time has built for himself a high ranking position among all the boys. Among the activities of the school in which Dick participates are the Hi-Y, Key Club, annual staff, paper staff, Freedom Forum during his junior and senior years. Sager has been a cheerleader for the past two years. Dick is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he is very active in youth work, and he belongs to the Alpha Chi Fraternity.

Dick plans to attend college at Vanderbilt and study engineering. We wish him all good luck in every thing which he undertakes.

Favorite teacher.....No favorites
Favorite subject.....Math
Favorite past time.....Working in Mrs. Rule's lunchroom.
Favorite food.....Green beans



Slayden Diehl

Slayden Diehl has been chosen as one of the personalities of the month and a good selection it is, for Slayden is truly one of our outstanding students and a fine Christian gentleman with it. While he came to us for only his last two years after spending his freshman and sophomore years at Webb School, he has won many friends and proved himself to be a true friend himself. He spent his grade school days at Woodmont school.

Slayden is a member of the Alpha Chi fraternity and this year serves as Sergeant-at-Arms of this organization. He is a member of the Belmont Methodist Church where he is a regular attendant and a hard worker.

Everyone around the campus knows Slayden for his happy smile and friendly attitude. They know him to be loyal to the school and steady in his studies. He is a great asset to the school and to his class. We feel that we have chosen a boy as personality of the month who justly deserves the honor and we feel that he will be a credit to the institution from which he will be graduated this year.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite food.....Steak
Most Disliked food.....Turnip greens
Favorite sport.....Swimming
Favorite actress.....Liz Taylor

Girl of the Month



Carol Davidson

The Bell Ringer announces this month's "Girl of the Month" as Carol Davidson. The Bell Ringer staff is proud to have Carol as their "Girl of the Month."

After leaving Overbrook School, where she attended grammar school, Carol enrolled in St. Bernard Academy. She is now a sophomore at St. Bernard and takes an active part in school activities. Tennis is one of her favorite pastimes and she is a member of her school's tennis team.

As a freshman, Miss Davidson pledged to the Kappa Delta Theta Sorority in which she takes a prominent part. During her freshman year, she was elected sergeant-at-arms and at the end of the year she was chosen Best Kappa Freshman.

Carol is one of the new cheerleaders who MBA elected at the beginning of this school year. At all times whether good or bad, she has really put her heart into supporting the teams. Truly, Carol has done a fine job.

MBA and the staff of the Bell Ringer are proud and consider it an honor to have such a fine, outstanding young lady, Carol Davidson, as "Girl of the Month."

Assembly Programs

The appearance of Dr. Kearnie Keegan at a recent assembly program was both entertaining and thought provoking. Dr. Keegan, who is Student Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, knew just how to capture the interest of his audience with his comments while playing the piano. He also proved himself to be an excellent singer. He followed this with a serious talk which was both timely and interesting.

Mr. John Sloan was responsible for having Mr. Keegan appear with us and we are very grateful to him as we will long remember Dr. Keegan.

Another assembly program that was interesting to the students was the appearance of the Peabody Demonstration School Glee Club. This group was composed of both male and female voices and, while not a large group, gave us some fine harmony and good interpretation on several numbers. One of the outstanding features of the program was the fine work of Wally Wolfe who pleased the crowd with his solo work.

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NIL. Although hit hard by graduation losing the entire record-setting 880 yard relay team, record setting hurdler Pete Thompson, and speedster Jack Herbert, this year's team should be equally as strong as its championship predecessors. The Maroon thinclads for 1956 and their respective events are:

100 yard dash—Billy Hunter, Jim Thurman
220 yard dash—Whit Watson, Frank Drowota
440 yard dash—Ivan Brown, Jim Thurman
880 yard dash—John Clay, Gene Shelton, Tommy Sloan
Mile run—Phillip Boyd, Ransom White

880 yard relay—Billy Hunter, Whit Watson, Frank Drowota, Dave Duke

Mile relay—Ivan Brown, Dave Duke, Billy Hunter, Jim Thurman

Sprint medley relay—Courtney Marshall, Clay Huddleston, Whit Watson, Dave Duke
2 mile relay—Ransom White, Phillip Boyd, Henry Hurt, Clay Huddleston

180 yard low hurdles—Mack Rolfe

120 yard high hurdles—Mack Rolfe, Henry Hurt

Shot put—Johnny Murphree, Tom Husband

Discus—Courtney Marshall, Don Brothers

High jump—Jim Wood, Henry Hurt

Broad jump—Courtney Marshall, Jim Thurman

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has proven very popular with the students. Many boys will treasure this book even in the years after they have left M.B.A.

The students' names are listed alphabetically and by classes and while there was one unintended omission it is a fine job and one that is much appreciated by all students. Congratulations to the Hi-Y Club for a fine job well done.

M.B.A. COPS MEET

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to Austin Peay where they had lunch in the school cafeteria. When results were posted, M.B.A. learned that four of its boys were eligible for the final and decisive round. Sam Vail, Dick Sobel, George Sloan, and Rollin Lasseter began their preparations for this contest. They returned again at 3:00 P.M. to find that they had won high honors in their divisions.

The M.B.A. team had a better general percentage record than any other school as they took three second place positions in the divisions. George, Sam, and Rollin received these awards. George spoke on "America's Answer," Sam's reading was "The American Way," and the subject chosen as final extemp topic was "The U. N.—Aims versus Practices." The entire group did an excellent job (as always) in the meet.

The school's Forensic group will also participate in a forensic contest sponsored by the Mid-South Association of Independent Schools. This meet is to be held at Vanderbilt University on Saturday, April 28. Our school will compete against such preps as Baylor, B.G.A., C.M.A., S.M.A., and Darlington. As usual we are certain that our forensic group will win honors at this contest comparable to their awards at Clarksville.

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Thurman (M), Barnhill (F): 54.2

220 yard dash—Mays (B), Inman (F), Rowlette (F): 23.5

880 yard run—Frost (F), Edgeman (F), White (M): 2:09.7

Mile run—Rice (F), Maxwell (F), Boyd (M): 4:41

180 yard low hurdles—Rolfe (M) Black (B), Denny (F): 22.4

120 yard high hurdles—Rolfe (M), Hurt (M), Black (B): 16.05

Shot put—Husband (M), Keeton (F), Neely (B): 40' 8"

Discus—Marshall (M), Vaughn (F), Brothers (M): 117'

Pole vault—Joslin (F), Rowlette (F): 9'

High jump—Dillingham (B), Hurt (M), Clay (M): 5' 6"

Broad jump—Marshall (M), Barnhill (F), Thurman (M): 18' 5"

880 yard relay—Franklin, Bellevue, (MBA disqualified): 1:38.4

Two mile relay—Franklin, MBA, Bellevue: 9:28.9

Mile relay—MBA, Franklin: 3:48.8

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